GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF SOMNATH AND DWARKA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps for the development of areas surrounding Somnath and Dwarka temples;

(b) if so, the details thereof; (

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (d) : Development and promotion of places of tourist interest is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance on the basis of project proposals prioritized in consultation with the State Governments.

During 10th Plan period the following project proposals have been sanctioned for development of Somnath and Dwarka:

(1) Development of area around Somnath Temple for Rs.500.00 lakh
(2) Additional works around Somnath Temple for Rs.48.81 lakh
(3) Integrated Development of Tourist circuit on Junagadh-Veraval-Porbandar- Dwarka for Rs.329.83 lakh

Implementation and execution of the projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism is the responsibility of the State Government. However, Ministry of Tourism regularly monitors the progress of projects through review meetings held from time to time.